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SUBJECT: CY 1973 U. S. NAVY COMMITMENT TO NATO

WASHINGTON PLEASE PASS TO AMB RUMSFELD AT SACLANT SYMPOSIUM,
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REF: A) STATE 121281; B) USNATO 3033

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS SCENARIO FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH
NATO ON 1973 U. S. NAVY COMMITMENT, RATIONALE FOR APPROACH TO
CONSULTATIONS, AND SUGGESTION REGARDING MECHANICS FOR BEGINNING
CONSULTATION PROCESS ASAP. END SUMMARY

1. AFTER TALKING WITH LUNS, AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD BELIEVES WE
SHOULD FOLLOW THIS SCENARIO FOR CONSULTATIONS:

STEP ONE: DURING WEEK OF JUNE 25, AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD SENDS
LETTER TO SECRETARY LUNS, COPIES TO ALL DPC PERMREPS,
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WHICH LISTS PROPOSED U. S. REDUCTIONS, B) REVIEWS
POSITIVE RESULTS OF U. S. NAVAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM
TO DATE, C) PREVIEWS RESULTS OF PROPOSED NAVAL REDUCTIONS
IN TERMS OF MODERNIZATION AND FORCE IMPROVEMENT, D) OFFERS

U. S. CONSULTATIONS WITH NATO, INCLUDING BRIEFINGS BY HIGH- RANKING U. S. NAVAL OFFICER AT THE EARLIEST CONVENIENT TIMES. U. S. REP, MC, SENDS SIMILAR LETTER TO CHAIRMAN, NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE.

STEP TWO: APPROPRIATE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES SET DATES FOR BRIEFINGS, PREFERABLY DURING WEEK OF JULY 2 OR 9.

STEP THREE: IN AUGUST OR WHEN DPC SCHEDULES MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION OF U. S. REPLY TO THE 1973 DEFENSE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE, ONE MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON TEAM THAT ATTENDS EXAMINATION WILL BE FULLY BRIEFED TO DISCUSS PROPOSED U. S. REDUCTIONS IN CONTEXT OF ONGOING U. S. NAVAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, U. S. WILL TAKE ALLIED COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS INTO ACCOUNT IN ANY MODIFICATIONS OF THE SPECIFICS OF ITS REDUCTION PROPOSALS.

STEP FOUR: IN DECEMBER, DPC ADOPTS NATO FORCE PLAN FOR 1974, REFLECTING REDUCTION IN U. S. NAVAL COMMITMENTS.

2. LUNS SUGGESTED TO AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD THAT NATO CONSULTATIONS REGARDING REDUCTIONS OF U. S. NAVAL COMMITMENTS BE HANDLED IN AS LOW

KEY A MANNER AS POSSIBLE. WE THEREFORE ENVISAGE BRIEFING BY HIGH-RANKING NAVAL OFFICER INITIALLY TO APPROPRIATE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES INCLUDING MILITARY COMMITTEE. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED, HOWEVER, TO GIVE BRIEFING TO DPC, IF THIS IS REQUESTED OR IF SUCH A BRIEFING APPEARS DESIRABLE FROM THE U. S. VIEWPOINT.

3. SINCE ACTUAL REDUCTIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JULY 31, WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD SHOULD BEGIN THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS ASAP, BY SENDING THE LETTER DESCRIBED IN " STEP ONE" OF ABOVE SCENARIO TO LUNS AND DPC PERMREPS THIS WEEK. WE SUGGEST THAT THE NAVY COULD DELIVER LETTER FOR SIGNATURE TO AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD AT SACLANT SYMPOSIUM THIS WEEK. UPON SIGNATURE, THE NAVY COULD CABLE THE TEXT TO USNATO FOR
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